

News Release

Ground Breaking for New Residence Hall on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at Noon

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A ground breaking ceremony will be held for the construction of a new \$9,800,000 residence hall at the University of Minnesota, Crookston on Wednesday, May 2, 2012. The ceremony, which takes place at noon, will be held on the construction site located west of Evergreen Hall and adjacent to Parking Lot E. The public is invited to attend.



Among those speaking will be Chancellor Charles H. Casey, Crookston Student Association President Alisha Aasness, and Gary Willhite, director, Residential Life and Security Services. Representatives from the University, Michael J. Burns Architects, and Community Contractors will also be on hand.

The 43,043 square foot, two-story building will house 145 students in 35 two-bedroom suites furnished with a study room and bathroom facilities--approximately 700 square feet per suite. Public areas will include kitchenettes, study rooms, game room, fitness/exercise areas, and laundry rooms.

An academic classroom adjacent to the north side of the building will seat 100 some in approximately 5,000 square feet with a lounge and additional study areas. The classroom will also serve as a multipurpose facility for students, faculty, and the public. The residence hall will be built using Minnesota B3 Benchmarking. B3 Benchmarking is a building energy management system for public buildings in Minnesota including state, local government, and public school buildings.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 26 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and 36 concentrations, including 10 online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,600 undergraduates from 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

In the photo: Architectural rendering of new residence hall.

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